

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE directs entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed September 20, 2005. Thus, according to Patent Office procedure, the Amendment of September 20, 2005 will be entered first, followed by entry of this Supplemental Amendment (*See, e.g.*, M.P.E.P. §706.07(h)). Therefore, the amendments to the claims appearing in this Supplemental Amendment are made relative to the form of the claims as amended by the Amendment After Final Rejection filed September, 20, 2005.

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above in the comments that follow. As correctly noted the Office Action Summary, claims 37-66 were pending. By the present Supplemental Amendment, claims 37 and 67 have been amended, and claims 69-79 have been canceled. Thus, upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment claims 37-39, 51-54, 62 and 67-68 are pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the present claim amendments can be found for example, in at least the following portions of the original disclosure: page 7, the table appearing therein; page 7, lines 25-27; page 8, lines 12-15; page 9, line 1; page 9, line 28; page 10, line 25 – page 11, line 28; page 18, line 1; page 21, lines 1-24; page 23, lines 11-14; and page 23, line 28.

The Remarks contained in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed September 20, 2005 are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety. With regard to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, it is noted that the RCE also directs entry of the Terminal Disclaimer also filed with the response of September 20, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

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